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Well, at last it's here! Thanks for your patience, and probably your contribution that helped make the Second Edition of *Blackledges in America* the most extensive genealogy ever of the Blackledge/Blacklidge/ Blackleach roots in the United States.

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Let us just mention a couple of items that might assist you.

If you were an acquirer of the First Edition, then you know how the book is organized. If this is your first glimpse into *Blackledges in America*, may we suggest that you take a look at the **Table of Contents**, and read through the first chapter, **Introduction**. It will give you insight as to how the book is organized and the genealogical information is presented.

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We have the complete Index as a PDF file also, but here is a downside: When you look up **BLACKLEDGE**, *Thomas Elberry* in the Index, and find page references of 1902, 1910, and 1923, what happens next? In a hard bound book, you simply flip open to page 1902. In the CD format you need to determine in which chapter the page 1902 appears, and then even in that chapter, the number “1902” is just another number to the PDF search engine. It might be easier to search within the chapter for “Elberry” which might be more unique than “1902.” And since the chapters are separate PDF files, so must your searches be separate, i.e., by chapter. The opening page of the Index provides the range of pages within each chapter.

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We sincerely hope you enjoy this expanded version of Blackledges in America. As we say in the Preface to the Second Edition, we’re so glad you’re here – and thanks for your support!

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Photo ID: **Mississippi church meeting, c. 1920:** John Blackledge [6:63] is seen seated in the front row holding a black hat, along with extended family members including other kin folk attending Mill Creek Congregational Methodist Church about 1920-1922 in Mill Creek Community, Jones Co, MS. Others identified by Linda Grace Talbot: Dennis C. Blackledge [6:236] with goatee next to John Blackledge; John Lane Blackledge [6:237] is the large man at the right end of row, with his right hand on paper; and Rachel C. Blackledge (John's second wife, also his cousin: [6:185]) may be the lady standing behind Dennis, in the dark dress, black hat.